(m) Under the Industrial Licensing & Promotional activity, additional industrial capacity has been approved for manufacture of sonar sub-systems/systems, navigational aids, simulators, opto-electronics thermal imagers & lasers sighting system for tanks.

(n) Four Centres for Electronics Design & Technology (CEDT) have been set up in Bangalore, Srinagar, Aurangabad and Imphal to meet the growing demand for engineering competence in the area of design & technology of Electronics equipment. Another Centre at Calicut has been planned. These centres will cater to the needs of development of special manpower for electronics industry and design and development activities.

With the experience gained so far in CEDT programme, speedy steps are being taken to establish training centres for Electronics Entrepreneurship and Design service in different States (Punjab, Bihar, Rajasthan and Kerala have been identified) to strengthen the base of Electronics Industry, at a cost of about Rs. 6 crores each.

New tank overhauling facilities

*159. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have new tank overhauling facilities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To repair and overhaul T-72 tanks, Government have planned to set up an Army Base Workshop, and a System Based Ordnance Depot, at Dehu Road in Maharashtra. Defence land measuring 790 acres is available at Dehu Road for this project. The total estimated cost of the project is about Rs. 225 crores. The project is scheduled to be completed by 1992-93.

Formulation of scheme for artificial rains

*160. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme for artificial rains in the country so as to save the crops;

(b) if so, what are the names of the States where such schemes on artificial rains are likely to be worked out;

(c) by when such a proposal is likely to be carried out in all the States in the country; and

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Experiments in artificial rain-making have been carried out in some parts of the country in the past. It is now envisaged to formulate a scheme for artificial rain-making over selected catchment areas of reservoirs for increased availability of water for power generation and irrigation. This is intended to help in agricultural operations in the neighbourhood of those areas.

(b) to (d) Details are yet to be worked out.

Ocean Development in India

1004. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the details of the